

Free Press Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murray (Mary Braida) and family of Sarnia visited Mr. and Mrs. Abele Braida on the weekend.

Philip Timmings of R. R. 2, Rockwood, won a first and second with his cow and calf at Wellington county fair at Fergus.

Get well wishes to Sid Saitz who was rushed to hospital last week with a heart attack. He was taken ill while at work at Beardmore.

Rev. and Mrs. Harry Dawson, who are moving soon to Guelph, note happily that some of their former

Western visitors with the James O'Rourke family are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stewart from Dawson Creek, B.C.

Bishop Bothwell will be installed Sunday, Sept. 30 at the Cathedral in Hamilton. Members of St. Alban's church are planning to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin McNabb and daughter Kris of Nassau, Bahamas, visited in town fair day with the Leishmans and other friends.

Acton friends will be in their new congregation there, including the Newtons and Haggitts.



PIONEER CROSSING of Canada by car in 1925 is being re-enacted by two new Mustang and Cougar cars. Signing a repeat historic document at L and L Ford was Mayor Les Doby while drivers Bud Jackson, Bramalea, merchandising manager

The clergy speak out

People most important

By the Reverend Harry J. Dawson
St. Alban's Church

With the Fall Fair and the abundant harvest of this year's crops, prosperity seems to surround us. While our focus is on the abundance of the "things" we enjoy, let us take time to consider two fundamental principles underlying Jesus' teaching about "things".

The first is that all things come from God and belong to God.

There is nothing in this world of which a man can say, "this is mine". Of all things we must say, "This is God's and I must use it as God would have me use it."

The second great principle is that people are always more important than things. Sometimes our preoccupation and passion for success obscures the force of this truth.

While we here in Canada and in this town of Ontario can boast of a good yield on all our material investments, we need not look far to see the cry of poverty and despair in the lives of many equally deserving and needy people in countries such as west Africa.

Living in a country of drought and starvation spread over the past several years, they look to God for relief and His teachings point them to us who have such abundance to offer.

If the possessions we enjoy have to be acquired and our wealth accumulated at the expense of treating people as things, then the accumulation of such possessions is wrong.

In this country, in this town, in our own day, we are reaping the harvest sown by men who have treated people as things.

Cattle show corrections

The Free Press went 0 for 2 in identifications of the two Fall Fair cattle show pictures which appeared in last week's issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Gillies were listed as winners of the A.P. Green Refractor's herdsman award. The award received by the Gillies was rather the Ron Wilson beat heifer award. Mrs. Wilson made the present-

ation. The picture of the best uddered cow should have named Mrs. K. N. Anthony and not Mrs. F. Anthony as the winning breeder. Mrs. Anthony has been breeding cattle for 25 years. She won awards at the Fair for best uddered cow, grand champion and top breeder's herd.

Our apologies to the winners and trophy donors.

Private road residents losing value

How many Esquesing township residents are living on private roads and not receiving any maintenance for those roads for their tax dollar?

That's the question Nick Hunsley and Lou Hogue want answered. The pair live on a private road which exits on 22 Sideroad at the bottom of a hill between Highway 7 and the Eighth Line.

Hunsley appeared at the last council meeting to ask for township assistance in having the road graded and that a culvert on 22 Sideroad, which was damaged last winter by a township snowplow be replaced. He said that water is running across 22 Sideroad in three places because the culvert is not in.

Hunsley said he understood that, but wanted to know if residents could hire township equipment at township cost price to grade the road. He said it would cost each resident approximately \$1300 to hire a private firm.

Clerk-treasurer Delmar French assured the two men it was the provincial government and not council which permitted the private road situation to occur in the first place.

"At one time nobody had to come to the committee of adjustment to separate 10 acres or more," Reeve Hill added.

Hunsley said he understood that, but wanted to know if residents could hire township equipment at township cost price to grade the road. He said it would cost each resident approximately \$1300 to hire a private firm.

Coxe replied that the township decided sometime ago not to lend out equipment. Councillor George Malby reminded Hunsley the road would have to be built up to Department of Highways standards before the township could take it over, even though he admitted that many of the present township roads do not meet that standard.

"In similar cases," interjected Councillor Dick Howitt, "we have required developers to bring roads up to standard. There's no possible way the township can go on to private property and maintain it. You see why we've been so sticky with 125 feet on an established and maintained road."

Hogue countered that he finds it hard to comprehend why a person needs a building permit to build on a private road under the circumstances.

"I'm paying taxes and not really getting anything out of it," he complained. "Some people on our road are paying \$500 to \$600 taxes."

Sheridan craft trailer expected

Sheridan College craft trailer will be located in Acton at the Robert Little School from October to December, 1973.

During the day, school children will be offered instruction in ceramics, weaving, macrame, tie dyeing and batik on an elective basis. Evening programs will provide opportunities for adults to take instruction in these crafts.

The Sheridan craft trailer has been in operation for two years providing an introductory craft program to communities in Peel and Halton Counties.

The trailer is a 47 foot self-contained craft studio featuring potters wheels, clay firing kiln, table looms and a variety of craft equipment and supplies.

Registration for evening programs will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings, October 2 and 4 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the craft trailer.

When Hogue asked where the 12.5 mills set aside in the budget for roads goes, Reeve Hill replied that it goes into municipal roads.

Acton 4-H officers named

The first meeting for Accessories for the Bedroom was held at the home of the Sayers girls on Sept. 24.

They elected officers as follows: leader Mrs. MacNaughton, president Lynne MacNaughton, vice president Shirley Joque, secretary rotating: press reporter Lorna Sayers, treasurer Lynda Sayers.

They were given suggestions for the articles they could make and for suggestions for a club name. They talked about colors.

OUR READERS WRITE:

124 Tides Ave., Acton, Ont. Sept. 25, 1973.

recognized by the newly-formed United Church. Under the provisions of the Basis of Union, and under the heading of Polity, we should like to quote from that section, subsection IIA and paragraph 7:-

"Any property or funds owned by a church, charge, circuit or congregation at the time of the union solely for its own benefit, or vested in trustees for the sole benefit of such church, charge, circuit or congregation, and not for the denomination of which the said church, charge, circuit or congregation formed a part, shall not be affected by the legislation giving effect to the union or by any legislation of the United Church without the consent of the church, charge, circuit or congregation for which such property is held in trust."

It was on this very point that the officials of Halton Presbytery erred—and through ignorance, which was inexcusable.

Your reference to the successful union of the congregations of Hornby and Ashgrove is well taken. I would, however, point out that the new church building is situated in an area that is even more rural than was the Hornby church.

The foregoing is written, not with any desire to engage in further controversy, but to clear up the point with regard to the suggestion that the general Council of the United Church of Canada erred in dealing with the matter of the title of the deed of Churchill Congregational Church. The fault lies with Halton Presbytery in overlooking the provisions, which are quite clear in the Basis of Union.

Please accept my thanks for your courtesy shown in printing the article mentioned above and for the quite-evident desire to deal with this matter in a fair and commendable way.

Yours very sincerely,
A. Walter Fosbury

The Editor, Acton Free Press, Acton, Ont.

Dear Sir:

Your editorial of Sept. 12 issue of the Free Press, written in relation to the article reprinted from the United Church Observer, and entitled "The Church That Refused to Die", has several intimated misconceptions re Church Union in general and of the special consideration given the Union of Congregational Churches in Canada in particular.

All of the church property of both the Methodist Church in Canada and the Presbyterian Church in Canada, previous to union, was held in trust by the supreme governing bodies of those denominations. Thus the property of the uniting congregations of these two denominations became the property of the United Church of Canada and title to this property was vested in the United Church and was held in trust by the newly-formed denomination for the congregations from the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches.

The Union of Congregational Churches in Canada was a very loosely-knit group of congregations of which each congregation was in itself the supreme governing body of that congregation. The Union was a fellowship of conferring congregations working together on national and international matters, but entirely in charge of their own local properties and government. Their properties were held in trust locally by trustees named by the congregations.

The right of the Congregational Church to continue its type of government, existing previous to union, was

Barry Inscoe . . .

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development and shopping plazas. He said he thought a parking traffic plan should be applied in Acton but it was up to the merchants to provide consumers with their buying needs at a competitive price.

Young and ambitious Mr. Inscoe says "I am willing to do my homework and, if I don't have the answers at my fingertips I will get them."

Mr. Inscoe is a quality control inspector with the firm of Varian Associates in Georgetown but specifies that his place of residence is the community which he is most anxious to serve.

Campbellville is proud of the fact that one of its native sons was honored by the presence of two prime ministers at his funeral. Thomas Blacklock, journalist and senior member of the Parliamentary Press Gallery at Ottawa was honored with a service at Ottawa which Sir Robert Borden, Prime Minister, R. B. Bennett, Hon. Hugh Guthrie and Hon. R. Manion attended. Top ranking representatives from every news agency in Canada were also present.

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